

NMU Hails Heroism of Baytown Rescuers

Curran Pays Tribute To Members of Tanker Crew

By John Meldon
Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, CIO, yesterday paid tribute to the union crew aboard the oil tanker Esso Baytown, who at the risk of their own lives, effected one of the most daring rescues in recent maritime history when they saved the lives of ten survivors of the Cavalier disaster.

"The crew of the Esso Baytown," Curran said, "has written a record to which the entire American people can point with pride."

Curran, himself an able-bodied seaman for many years, pointed out that the rescue of the Cavalier passengers and crew on the high seas was only one of six such heroic feats accomplished by National Maritime Union crews in recent months.

"Union crews," he commented, "are, by virtue of being union men, efficient and the most capable on the American merchant marine."

"In the recent period, N. M. U. crews have answered SOS calls on six occasions, saving many lives. Only a short time ago the N. M. U. crew of the S. S. Schebeck went to the aid of a foundering Norwegian vessel and saved those on board. There were similar courageous feats performed by the N. M. U. seamen aboard the vessels O. N. Bernuth, the American Tanker, the American Trader and the City of Los Angeles."

"The N. M. U.," he said, "is proud to salute these seamen who are carrying forward the internationally famous tradition of U. S. seamen, which runs back to the days of the clipper ships."

"We believe, moreover, that this would be an appropriate time for those people in high office, and certain newspapers, who have maliciously slandered union seamen, to make a public apology and admit that they were wrong."

The N. M. U. leader referred particularly to the Hearst press, which echoed the vicious attacks of the late Senator Royal S. Copeland against American seamen, and former Secretary of Commerce Daniel C. Roper, who on several occasions alleged that union sailors were "mutinous" and "inefficient."

Meanwhile, the rescue crew on board the Esso Baytown quietly slipped out of port here yesterday and once again resumed its routine duties. The vessel headed for Baytown, Texas, for a cargo of oil.

The National Maritime Union has within its ranks 15,000 tanker seamen, the vast majority of the sailors in that section of the industry. The union holds contracts with all the major oil companies.

The New York City Council yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution commending the crew of the rescue ship, the Esso Baytown, stating that the seamen had "lived up to the best traditions of the sea."

N.M.U. Rescue Heroes



The real heroes of the Cavalier disaster—the N.M.U. crew of the Esso Baytown: Left to right—John Goodwin, Tom Brady, Stanley H. Taylor, John Tomascheck, Joseph Minor and Howell Smith.

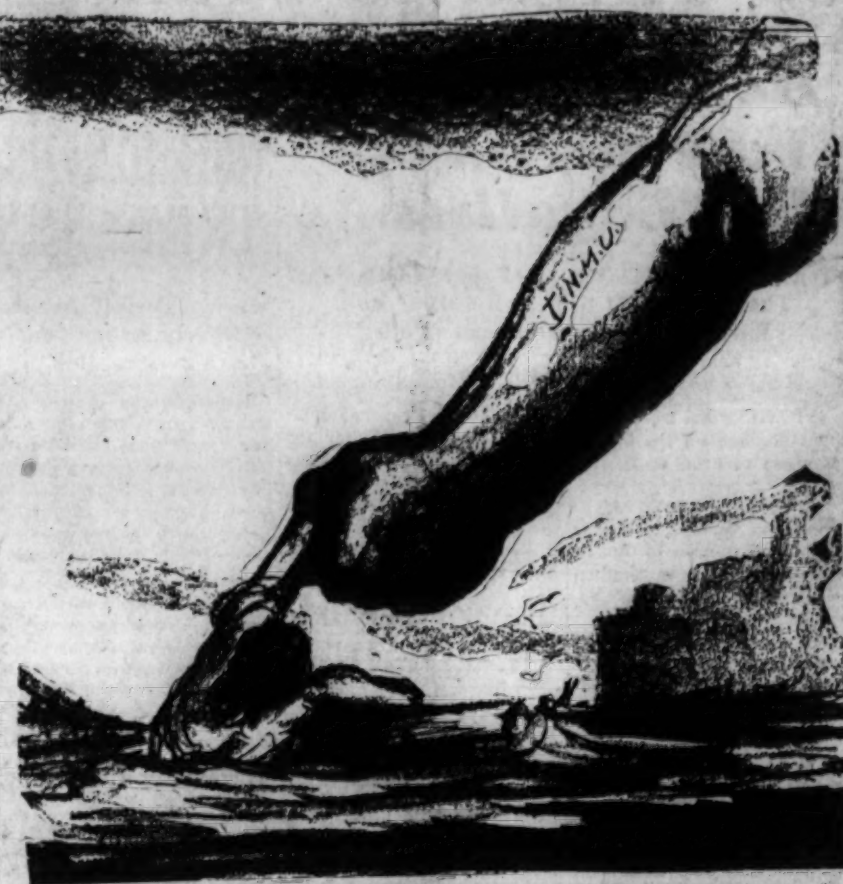
Storm Warnings Up Along N. Atlantic From Maine to Del.

Storm warnings along the Atlantic Coast from the Delaware breakwater to Eastport, Maine, were reported today by the New York weather bureau.

Small craft were warned away from the storm area. The bureau reported the disturbance as of wide extent and settling with considerable intensity over the northern lake region. It said the storm was moving eastward and would be attended by strong southerly winds later today.

Heroism With a Union Label

by Ellis



NEWS ITEM: The New York City Council yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution praising the National Maritime Union crew of the Esso Baytown, rescue vessel of the Cavalier survivors.

Dies, Reynolds Slur F.D.R.'s Policy of National Security

Nationwide Broadcast of Red-Baiters Is Sponsored by 'United Front' of U. S. Pro-Fascist Groups

By Lowell Wakefield
Congressman Martin Dies and Senator Robert Reynolds spoke over a nation-wide radio hook-up yesterday under the auspices of a "united front" of Nazi and pro-fascist organizations in a new attack on the New Deal and in defense of the policies of the Hitler dictatorship.

Reynolds, tory unreconstructed North Carolina Democrat, was exposed in the Washington Merry-round column of Pearson and Allen this past week as planning to deliver in the Senate of the United States an address in praise of Hitler.

In his radio talk yesterday, Reynolds launched a broadside attack on the peace and protection foreign policy of the administration. At one point the Hoover Democrat declared:

"If the minorities of Germany in Germany are being persecuted that is not sufficient cause for the United States to break off its diplomatic relations..."

"If the Catholics, the Jews, the Protestants, the scientists, the trade unionists, the believers in democracy..."

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10,000 Stores Close Tonight to Fight WPA Cut

Two N. Y. Senators Told of City-Wide Protest by Merchants

The United Labor and Citizens Committee for Jobs and Recovery last night wired to Senators Robert Wagner and James M. Smith that 10,000 store owners will close shops at 6 P.M. tonight for 15 minutes, as a protest against attempts to cut WPA.

Attached to the telegram are the names of all the companies and stores whose members will post signs declaring that they support President Roosevelt's WPA budget, because a cut means less trade and more relief taxes to them.

The telegram to the two New York Senators follows:

"The following businessmen's associations and department store owners, totaling 10,000 members, have agreed to support the United Labor and Citizens Committee for Jobs and Recovery in its efforts to restore the cut in the President's WPA budget, by participating in a store closing for 15 minutes Wednesday 6 P.M. and endorsing the Saturday, Jan. 28th parade in support of the President:

"W. T. Grant Stores, Giant Penny Stores, Triboro Tobacco, Stationery and Candy Store Association, Cigar and Stationery Merchants Federation, N. Y. Association of Retail Meat Dealers, Greater New York Retail Furnishings and Drygoods Association, Metropolitan Stationery and Tobacco Retail Association, Progressive Retail Cigar and Stationery Association, Associated Grocers of Harlem, Harlem and Bronx Appetizers Association, Associated Retailers Association, United Independent Retail Grocers and Food Dealers Association, Allerton Merchants Association, Midtown Businessmen's Association, Ave. B and C Storekeepers."

A final check-up made by the United Committee at a meeting of its representatives of neighborhoods, held at 112 East 19th Street, indicated that the closing movement will spread to many parts. Neighborhoods reported that a canvass of stores brought the number of pledged participants to as high as 500 in some regions.

Dickstein Flays Dies for Hiding Nazi Agents

Replies to Move of Red-Baiter to Impeach Sec'y Perkins

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Rep. Samuel Dickstein, D. N. Y., today delivered a blistering attack against the Dies Committee in reply to the attempt of the New Jersey Red-baiter, J. Parnell Thomas, to launch impeachment proceedings against Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins.

Thomas sought to institute impeachment proceedings on the grounds that the Department of Labor official had "failed" to deport Harry Bridges, West Coast maritime labor leader.

Declaring that charges against Bridges made by the Dies Committee were based on the flimsiest evidence, Dickstein said:

"While they (the Dies Committee) were chasing Bridges, all the black, blue and dirty shirts in the country are working overtime."

"They didn't subpoena a Nazi but, excuse me, they did discover that Shirley Temple is a Communist."

Thomas' resolution called for the creation of a committee to determine if impeachment charges could be brought against Miss Perkins. It was referred to the House Judiciary committee. Thomas, himself, is a member of the notorious Dies Committee.

1,139 Unions Hit Embargo

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BARCELONA PEOPLE RUSH NEW DEFENSE FOR STAND OUTSIDE CITY

2,000,000 Face WPA Cuts in Senate Bill

McKellar Charges 75% Slash Threatened

By Adam Lapin
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 24.—Administration supporters in the Senate charged today that at least 2,000,000 WPA workers will lose their jobs by June if the revamped relief bill offered by the Tory Economy Bloc is passed.

They said that even more drastic slashes in relief rolls than at first seemed necessary would be required this Spring by the Senate's crazy quilt compromise bill which upholds the meager House figure of \$725,000,000 and at the same time proposes to maintain WPA more or less intact in February and March.

Senator Kenneth McKellar of Tennessee declared that WPA rolls would have to be cut from 3,181,000 all the way down to 1,050,000 in June if the bill drafted by the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee is passed.

Adding the 750,000 unemployed workers certified for WPA but not put on the rolls as of Dec. 1 to the more than 3,350,000 then on work relief, McKellar said, there was a total of 4,100,000 at that time needing WPA.

In six months the Senate bill proposes to cut this number down by 75 per cent, McKellar, who was the leading dissenter on the Subcommittee, charged.

"That's a long step to take in six months," he added.

"There is no such intention," Chairman Alva Adams of the Subcommittee broke in.

"There is one celebrated community that is paved with good intention," McKellar retorted.

New Deal forces and the combined Republican and Tory Democratic bloc seemed about evenly matched as the first day of Senate debate began.

The debate is, however, expected to last all week, and with every

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Boston Mayor To Speak at WPA Rally

Tobin Heads List of State Leaders Saturday

(Special to the Daily Worker)
BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 24.—Mayor Maurice J. Tobin of Boston, Mayor Joseph B. O'Keefe of Peabody, Boston City Councilor Clement A. Norton and William Flaherty of the Cathedral Young Men's Catholic Association will head the list of speakers at a mass meeting to save WPA sponsored by a Statewide Committee to Save WPA.

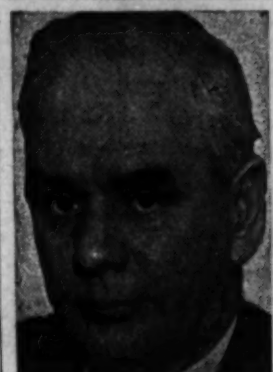
The sponsoring committee for the meeting includes mayors, State Representatives and prominent people from all walks of life.

The meeting takes place Saturday, January 28, 3 P.M., at Franklin Union Hall, Berkeley and Tremont Streets.

Other speakers include Michael Widman, CIO Regional Director, Ernest Johnson, Secretary of the Boston A. F. of L. Building Trades Council; James Marino, of the Workers Alliance; J. S. R. Bourne, National Negro Congress; Paul Sweeney, well-known economist, and Frank Manning, Labor's Non-Partisan League head.

This meeting climaxes a campaign of petitions, telegrams and resolutions to members of Congress for the President's WPA recommendations. Sound trucks are touring the city, and radio broadcasts are planned.

The realization that 42,000 jobs are at stake in Massachusetts has aroused the broadest movement in the State's history to save WPA.



PHILIP MURRAY

Council Acts On World's Fair Job Bureau

Commends Seamen for Heroic Cavalier Rescue

The City Council, in a meeting fraught with political recriminations, yesterday adopted unanimously an amended Labor Party resolution asking the Mayor to explore the possibilities of setting up an employment bureau for World's Fair employment.

The ALP plan aims to eliminate political pull and alleged job rackets in World's Fair employment.

Also enacted by the Council was:

1. A resolution commending seamen of the Esso Baytown as "living up to the best traditions of the sea" in their rescue of 10 passengers of the ill-fated clipper plane Cavalier.

2. A local law to improve employment conditions of uniformed guards in city prisons.

3. A resolution calling for a councilmanic investigation of demolition proceedings of the Sixth Avenue "El." This measure, introduced by reactionary Bronx Democrat Joseph E. Kinsley, is clearly a political attack on Borough President Stanley M. Isaac.

4. A resolution asking for increased appropriations for clothing for persons on home relief.

TAMMANY WANTS CREDIT

As the Council approached a vote on the World's Fair employment agency resolution, introduced by Laborite Salvatore Ninio, Tammanyites and their allies attempted to show that the measure was really their own.

Tammany Councilman John P. Nugent declared that the resolution was "in line with the Lyons residence law," a measure under attack by the progressives.

Brooklyn Democrats John Cashmore and Joseph T. Sharkey also declared it a "typical Democratic measure."

But Fusionist Robert K. Straus said the Ninio measure had nothing to do with the reactionary Lyons residence law.

"It is not a typical Democratic measure," he said. "It is an honest measure."

He pointed out that whereas the

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CIO Backs UAW Board; Repudiates Martin

Statement by Murray, Hillman Hits at Disruptors

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The Congress of Industrial Organizations today threw its full support behind the International Executive Board of the United Automobile Workers of America and its new Acting President R. J. Thomas.

In a strongly worded statement, Sidney Hillman and Philip Murray, vice-presidents of the CIO, declared that the Board had no other alternative than to oust Homer Martin, former president of the UAW, for his disruptive activities in attempting to split the union.

"The International Executive Board had no alternative to the action it has taken," the CIO leaders said in the concluding paragraph of their powerful indictment of Martin's policies.

"The Congress of Industrial Organizations supports fully and completely the position of the International Executive Board."

"Dual unionism and arrogant defiance of the Constitution of a labor union, with which Mr. Martin has definitely identified himself, cannot be tolerated."

CONFERRED WITH LEADERS

Hillman and Murray took their dramatic step after conferring all afternoon with Thomas and other officers of the union including Richard T. Frankenstein, Wyndham Mortimer, Walter Reuther, Ed Hall, Fred Piper, Charles Millard and Delmond Garst.

Reviewing in detail the hectic events of the past few days in the auto union, Hillman and Murray said that Martin's activities "can only lend strength to the enemies of organized labor and to the reactionary employers."

They charged that Martin suspended 15 members of the union's executive board while it was in session "without justification" and "in

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Science Develops Strongest Magnet Made of Alloy

SCHEENECTADY, N. Y., Jan. 24 (UP).—The most powerful magnet in the world—half the size of a lead pencil eraser and capable of lifting a five-pound flatiron—has been developed in the General Electric research laboratories here.

The magnet weighs 1.85 grams—1-250 of a pound—and in tests has lifted 2,750 grams, or nearly 1,500 times its own weight.

W. E. McKibben made the magnet out of an alloy of aluminum, nickel, cobalt and iron.

A list of 1,139 trade unions, CIO, AFL and railroad brotherhoods, international unions, locals, central labor unions and state bodies, was presented at the White House by a labor delegation of the American League for Peace and Democracy.

Headed by Albert Edwards, labor organizer of the American League, the group then gave the list to Senator Key Pittman, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Tomorrow morning every Senator and Representative will get in his mail a copy of this impressive list of unions on record for lifting the embargo and reviving our neutrality laws, Edwards said.

Other members of the delegation were Jesse Barnes of the State, County and Municipal Workers, Ralph Emerson of the CIO Maritime Union and Jules Korshchin of the Federation of Architects, Chemists and Engineers.

The list of unions included all bodies bodies which have passed similar resolutions demanding a complete revision of our foreign policy so as to penalize aggressor nations and give aid to victims of aggression.

Truckloads of Armed Workers Flow to Outskirts

(BARCELONA, Jan. 24 (UP).—Trucks loaded with workers ready to throw up new fortifications, men from shops and factories with rifles slung over their shoulders and squadrons of tanks streamed out of Barcelona tonight to resist fascist invaders at the city's gates.

Docks and portions of the port area were on fire, fascist guns hammered the southwestern outskirts and bombing planes raided the city in raids, but there was no sign of surrender.

"Barcelona Is In Danger! Resist to Death!" warned newspaper headlines.

Civilians were being evacuated by the thousands to the open countryside to the north, clearing the streets of what Cervantes called "the town of beauty unique." Defenders planned a grim house-to-house battle against the invading Moors, Germans, Italians and foreign legionnaires.

Members of the labor unions, mobilized for battle.

The city was under the direct control of General Juan Sarria, commander-in-chief of the army of Catalonia.

Martial law prevailed.

REPORT STAND

The defenders' morale was raised by reports that the enemy had been halted at the River Llobregat, the "natural moat" surrounding Barcelona.

Trucks loaded with volunteers and conscripts streamed toward the Llobregat to throw up nasty barricades in an effort to impede the fascist war machine.

Vans piled high with munitions and lumbering tanks moved through the Plaza Catalana in the heart of the city while trucks loaded with newly-mobilized troops—Boys of 17 and grey-haired men of 55 and 60—moved up to the rapidly-shifting front lines outside the city.

The city, already caring for 1,000,000 refugees from other parts of Spain, struggled to cope with a new influx of refugees from the suburbs and surrounding villages and towns but the magnitude of the task made it almost impossible to give them relief.

Sidewalks were crowded with hurrying people.

The refugee problem was aggravated by the arrival of thousands of men, women and children from Tortosa, Tarragona, and Lerida and Balaguer.

1,139 Unions Demand Lifting Of Embargo

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 24.—Official Washington today heard the voice of American labor speak up for immediate lifting of the embargo on Loyalist Spain.

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Thanks, Comrades: We're Glad You Like the Greater Sunday Worker.

Brooklyn, N. Y.
Editor, Sunday Worker:
Hearty congratulations! Boy, what a paper! It's got everything. Form, class, balance, anti-fascism, truth and progress on a platter.

No more two Sunday papers, no more any other Sunday paper, but the SUNDAY WORKER.

MAC LIPSCHUTZ.

New York City.
Editor, Sunday Worker:

Frankly expressing my opinion on the new SUNDAY WORKER all I can say is

that for the first time I felt that I was neither cheated nor disappointed.

GEORGE MANJOU.

Brooklyn, N. Y.
Editor, Sunday Worker:

I was more than pleased with the new edition of your SUNDAY WORKER for it exceeded by expectations.

One of the shortcomings of the late SUNDAY WORKER was its inadequate coverage of the news.

The new SUNDAY WORKER succeeds in overcoming the situation most admirably.

It is a snappy, newsy paper and should (Continued on Page 6)

Kalinin to Be Heard Here Saturday at 1:30

For the first time millions of American radio listeners will hear the voice of Mikhail I. Kalinin, president of the Supreme Soviet—highest governing body of the USSR—when he speaks over the air in a thirty-minute radio broadcast this Sunday afternoon, January 28, from 1:30 to 2 P. M.

"Salute to the New York World's Fair," will be the subject of President Kalinin's talk. Kalinin will speak in Russian. His remarks will be translated into English immediately upon conclusion of his talk.

Kalinin's speech will come over Stations WJAF, WOR and WABC.



MIKHAIL KALININ

Italy Calls Up Army Reserves; Threat to France Is Seen

ACTION LINKED TO ATTACK ON BARCELONA

Mid-Winter Call Seen Especially Menacing; Ciano to Berlin

ROME, Jan. 24 (UP).—The Propaganda Ministry tonight confirmed reports that "several classes" of military reservists had been called to the colors for intensive training. The reports, circulated widely in fascist circles as well as among foreign diplomats, indicated that Mussolini had summoned approximately 200,000 reservists, possibly in anticipation of a European crisis in connection with the Spanish war.

The Ministry's statement spoke of "classes" plurality, but declined to specify how many classes would be called up. The unofficial reports said the entire class of 1901 might be called, which would increase Italy's armed forces from about 300,000 to 500,000 men.

Foreign military experts pointed out that while Italian reservists normally are called up for brief periods of re-training each year, the call usually is in late spring or early summer. The variation from that custom lent weight to the interpretations of significance in the present move.

The fact that the new reservists will start training in mid-winter was a cause for grave speculation, in view of the increasing Italian-French tension over Mussolini's demands in Tunisia and East Africa.

Foreign circles also were disturbed by the secrecy with which the new reservist moves were made. Ordinarily the calling up of new reservists is given routine public attention, but nothing was said of the present move until unofficial reports began to circulate yesterday.

The growing significance of the Italian-French tension was emphasized further by reports that Count Galeazzo Ciano, the foreign minister, might go to Berlin late this month to confer with Joachim von Ribbentrop, the Nazi foreign minister.

Von Ribbentrop's recent talks with Count Charles Ciano, the Hungarian foreign minister, and Frantisek Chvalkovsky, Czech foreign minister, coupled with Ciano's own conferences with Prince Paul, the Yugoslavian regent, and premier Milan Stojadinovich, also lent color to these reports.

Cardenas Named Three Ministers To Vacant Posts

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 24 (UP).—Gen. Jesus Augustin Castro was named Minister of National Defense today.

Equivaldes Angulo, an engineer, was named Minister of Communications and Silvestre Guerrero was named Public Aid Minister.

Castro and Angulo succeeded ministers who resigned to become candidates for President in next year's election: Gen. Manuel Avila Camacho, Defense Minister, and Gen. Francisco J. Mugica, Communications Minister. Guerrero succeeds the late Enrique Hernandez Alvarez.

President Lazaro Cardenas also named his private secretary, Raul Castellano, to be Governor of the Federal District, corresponding to the District of Columbia. Augustin Lenero, a lawyer, succeeded to the post of presidential private secretary.

Report 'Best Clue Yet' In Torso Murders

CLEVELAND, Jan. 24 (UP).—Detectives said today they had clues to "the best suspect yet" in Cleveland's four-year series of torso murders.

An informant, police said, reported a salesman of medical and surgical supplies boasted that he has "cut up live bodies."

Detective Peter Merylo said that the informant reported the man had bragged that he knew how to paralyze his intended victims by an abdominal injection, working with such skill that a "mere flip of the wrist and fingers" was all that was needed, and that after that "they never knew what happened."

Foster at Lenin Rally



WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman of the Communist Party, shown addressing the Lenin Memorial Meeting in Madison Square Garden Monday night. He called for closer collaboration between the U. S. and the Soviet Union to ensure world peace.

Times Square Rally Asks Embargo Lifted

Thousands Demonstrate in Midtown Theatre District—Spain Aid Groups Push Demand for End of Arms Ban

Thousands of demonstrators circled Times Square last night shouting, "Lift the Spanish Embargo Now!"

Balloons released from hotel windows above the throng filled the air with the same demand.

Colorful placards carried by those who marched in never-ending line round and round the square re-echoed the desire of the American people that the Republic of Spain be at once accorded its just right to import the material necessities for its heroic defense against the mechanized legions of Hitler, Mussolini and Franco fascism.

A giant post card addressed to President Roosevelt was carried high by a group of girls. It read: "We, the undersigned, hereby urge that immediate action be taken to lift the embargo against the Spanish Republic so that democracy may be defended and world peace insured."

THROUGHOUT NATION
The six by eight foot massive carried the names of 1,000 clergymen, writers, social workers, musicians, artists, lawyers and educators—the top leaders of their professions.

Converging on Times Square at 10:30 from four assembly points, the demonstrators swelled theatre crowds by nearly ten thousand in a great circle from 43 to 47th Streets and back again.

Girls carried sandwich signs asking participants and spectators to write or wire their congressmen and senators, the President and the State Department urging lifting of the embargo.

Petitions were circulated through the crowd, part of a hurried nationwide drive to collect a million signatures.

The demonstration was organized by the Medical Bureau and North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy. Co-chairman of the committee are Bishop Francis J. McConnell and Dr. Walter B. Cannon, president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Committee headquarters announced that similar demonstrations or mass meetings took place last night in Washington and in many other circles throughout the nation.

Charge Nazis Snooping in Norway Trade

OSLO, Norway, Jan. 24 (UP).—The government was reported today to be considering a charge by the trade review "Parmand" that Norwegian firms dealing with Germany were receiving demands from Nazi trade interests for confidential information.

It was asserted that a questionnaire sent by the Nazis demanded not only particulars of the racial origin of employers and employees of firms doing business with Germany but particulars concerning the private economic status of Norwegian business men.

EXPERTS SEE FDR'S ARMS FIGURE BASIC

House Committee Told Sum Necessary for Arms Parity

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (UP).—Two Army officials told the House Military Affairs Committee today that President Roosevelt's \$552,000,000 defense program must be enacted soon if the United States is to keep abreast of foreign powers in armaments.

Brig. Gen. George P. Tyner and Maj. Gen. R. M. Beck testified that ultra-modern weapons should be purchased in peacetime to provide an army of 1,000,000 men with sufficient arms soon after the outbreak of war.

Tyner, endorsing a \$110,000,000 item for purchase and development of "critical" equipment, said the appropriation is the absolute minimum requirement. He cautioned that the country "must not send its soldiers into the field with antiquated weapons."

Tyner told the committee that the United States has an acute shortage of anti-aircraft guns, anti-tank weapons, semi-automatic rifles and other equipment which must be provided in peacetime "if you want them when an emergency arises."

MOBILIZATION PLANS

Beck outlined the army's mobilization plans to raise an initial force of 1,000,000 and said that adequate arms must be provided before the outbreak of war to avoid "serious hampering" of the program.

He said he did not feel the regular army strength should be maintained at such a high figure, however.

The "critical" equipment would be used by the regular Army and National Guard, the witnesses said. Beck estimated the strength of both forces at 306,000 currently, but added that 300,000 more would be enlisted within the first month after the outbreak of hostilities, and 200,000 monthly thereafter.

The selective draft will be ordered if an emergency arises, Beck said, and Congress must see that these soldiers have "adequate supplies."

Questioned by Rep. Dewey Short, R., Mo., Beck said he does not believe there will be any more short wars.

"Their outcome depends more on a matter of resources and endurance," he said. "The need is for mobility, mechanization and aviation in which airplanes would serve as an auxiliary to the ground forces."

When Tyner insisted that some questions by committee members should not be answered in an open hearing, Chairman Andrew J. May, D., Ky., held a brief executive session.

The House Appropriations Subcommittee considering Mr. Roosevelt's regular budget request for an army appropriation of \$470,000,000 began secret sessions by calling Secretary of War Harry H. Woodring and Gen. Malin Craig, Army chief-of-staff.

Both appeared before House and Senate military affairs committees last week to emphasize the need for the emergency defense program.

Chairman Carl Vinson, D., Ga., of the House Naval Affairs Committee will open hearings tomorrow on a \$65,000,000 item in the defense program to authorize construction of air and submarine bases at Guam and 11 other points, most of them in the Pacific.

JAPANESE THREAT TO PHILIPPINES CITED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (UP).—President Roosevelt's submission to Congress today of the report of the Joint Preparatory Committee on

and the increase in such phenomena as "soap-box" orators and obscene and un-American postcards such as the Boston police force seized in the latter part of last week. The Communist Party of Massachusetts believes that patriotism is not lacking among the citizens of this state and that it is its patriotic duty as a public servant to release to them the sources from which these postcards originate. Those sources have nothing to do with "soap-box" orators and it would be a contribution to the public enlightenment to know just who these substantial citizens are, who regale themselves at their private banquets with such traitorous obscenities, aimed not only at the President of the United States, but at the very basis of the great American institution of popular government.

"The people have a right to know the group or organization carrying on this treasonous work of defaming the character of the President of the United States. No official acting in the name of public welfare can conceal the facts of such a situation from the citizens of our Commonwealth. This cesspool of vice and degeneracy breeding the germs of treason should be exposed to the free air of Massachusetts. It is only in this way that the people of our state will be aware of these un-American groups among them and will be able to follow the advice and counsel of that great Boston patriot who said: 'Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.'"

"The Communist Party of Massachusetts in the name of American Democracy and human decency urges that you make public immediately the facts behind this situation."

Bonnet Delays Vote on Aid For Loyalists

French Foreign Minister to Report to Chamber Thursday—Said to Fear Result of Poll Will Go Against Government's Policy

By Harold R. Jefferson (By Cable to the Daily Worker)

PARIS, Jan. 24.—Once again the vital French Parliament decision on the opening of the Spanish frontier for shipment of arms to the Spanish Republic has been postponed.

It was announced today that Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet, who had been scheduled to speak in the Chamber of Deputies today with a vote to be taken immediately afterward, would not appear until Thursday.

This is seen as an indication of Bonnet's fear that he will not secure a majority despite the intensive reactionary press campaign he has ordered.

An indication that this is true is seen in the fact that only six, among the 40 deputies who have spoken, supported the capitulation to Mussolini and the continued clamp upon the frontier. Of these two spoke today—one of them was Xavier Vallat, the Cagoulard who was defeated by Communist leader Jacques Duclos in the race for Vice-President of the Chamber of Deputies.

Meanwhile the passage of several trainloads of flour for Republican Spain has been stopped as the result of the destruction of almost three miles of railway lines on the Paris-Cerbere (Spanish frontier) route.

Thus far the press has only published pictures of the destroyed right-of-way with brief notes saying that the destruction was due to simultaneous derailment of two freight trains, without any date given.

Since the magnitude of the wreck makes this explanation suspicious, democrats consider that it is likely to be the work of fascist agents to prevent food from reaching Spain and are demanding an inquiry.

Ann Burlak, secretary of the Communist Party of Rhode Island also spoke at both meetings.

Baldwin 'Case' Nears End as Dismal Fizzle

A final clean-up of Mayor LaGuardia's special investigation of charges of "mismanagement" leveled against the Police Department by Councilman Joseph Clark Baldwin was expected within three or four days, following an announcement yesterday by Mayor LaGuardia that he was

probing every charge made by the Councilman.

The Mayor said he had received part of a report from the Police Department on operation of alleged gambling joints, named by Baldwin.

Seventeen of the 27 alleged gambling places, which Baldwin charged were operating under police protection, were declared suppressed long ago by police officials at the Mayor's hearing last Saturday.

Speaking of the progress of his investigation, Mr. LaGuardia said: "I've got part of the report from the Police Department. I had a conference with Commissioner of Investigation William J. Herlihy and asked him to pursue leads given by Baldwin."

"We ought to have a complete report in three or four days. We are pursuing every complaint."

Proposes Special Road Net in State for Big Trucks and Trailers

ALBANY, Jan. 24 (UP).—Assemblyman George B. Parsons, Syracuse Republican, proposed today that the state create a system of arterial highways and ban trucks and truck trailers from all other highway routes.

The measures would prohibit trucks from using "narrow or inadequate roads and periling traffic not only during storms but at any time," Parsons said. He said that during the week-end storms, trucks were responsible for several traffic tieups.

The State Traffic Commission would designate the arterial highways and mark them.

Another Parsons bill would authorize the State Traffic Commission to direct bus companies to alter or abandon schedules during storms and when highways are unsafe.

Vince Dundee Recovers From Wreck Injuries

MONTCLAIR, N. J., Jan. 24 (UP).—Vince Dundee, 30, former middleweight boxing champion, was reported in "good condition" today at Mountsinai Hospital where he was taken after his automobile was struck by an Erie Railroad passenger train in Bloomfield. The condition of his wife, Mrs. Constance Dundee, 27, was reported "fair."

U. S. SENDS NOTE TO NAZIS ON NATIONALS

Warns Berlin Against Discrimination on American Jews

BERLIN, Jan. 24 (UP).—The American embassy in a note to the Nazi Foreign Office has called for assurances that Americans will not be affected by a Nazi government decree cancelling the diplomas of Jewish dentists in Germany, effective Jan. 31, it was learned today.

The note was another step in the United States government determination to concede nothing in its defense of the rights of Americans in Germany. As regards the dentists it was largely a formality. So far as was known there were no more American Jewish dentists in Berlin. One, who was here until a year ago, is now in the United States and is not expected to return.

However, the United States has made it a point to make representations each time the Nazis have issued a decree discriminating against Jews, in order to protect the rights of American Jews.

The United States cites the 1928 American-German friendship treaty which promised equality of treatment for each nation's citizens.

Dies, Reynolds Slur F.D.R.'s Security Policy

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racy and liberty "are being persecuted."

None but a Dies, a Reynolds, or a regular Nazi propagandist could use that "if."

Sponsoring the broadcast, which was released through National Broadcasting Company outlets from Washington at 7 P. M., was the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies.

The coalition is a clearing house for 125 reactionary and fascist professionally "patriotic" and "shirt" organizations operating in America. It was set up with the collaboration of German agents. It has a hand in every reactionary move in the United States.

To it is affiliated the subversive, terrorist Silver Shirts, who maintain their national headquarters in Reynolds' ballroom.

FRIEND OF KUHN

President of the coalition is Capt. John B. Trevor, Wall Street millionaire who has devoted the past 20 years of his life to alien-baiting and other such un-American pursuits.

Trevor was one of those who joined with Fritz Kuhn, James Wheeler-Hill and other chieftains of the Nazi German-American Bund to toast Dies at a luncheon in the Hotel Biltmore Dec. 8, asking continuation of the Dies committee witch-hunt against the New Deal and progress.

Around the American Coalition, for all its high-sounding name, center the open shoppers, the anti-Semites, the red-baiters, military intelligence spies for Nazi Germany and for Japan—the most dangerous alien and subversive circles within the country.

By appearing under the coalition's auspices to drum up support for \$150,000 to continue the Dies inquiry, the congressman and Reynolds again reveal the true nature of the committee's un-American purpose and role.

Made Sleepless By Vision of Man He Shot—Man Confesses

CHICAGO, Jan. 24 (UP).—Adams Schasky, 41, slept last night for the first time in 12 nights. For 11 nights, in his cell at a district police station, he had been tormented by the vision of a man dressed as a railroad section hand.

Yesterday he summoned Capt. Thomas Connelly and confessed the slaying 20 years ago of a Minneapolis railroad worker. He said the man he kept seeing in his cell was his victim.

"I got to get some sleep," he said. "I ain't had no sleep since I been here."

He said he and two other men, named Dominick and Jimmy, were robbing a section gang in 1919 and one man resisted.

"He came toward me and I shot him. Now I keep seeing him every night."

Jailers said Schasky appeared relieved after his confession. They said he spent a restful night and appeared to sleep soundly.

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GABRIEL PERI

Court States Strachey May Enter Country

Rules Labor Department Has No Power to Cancel Visa Once Issued

The Federal Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Monday that the Labor Department had no right to cancel the visa of John Strachey, noted British author, when he attempted to enter this country last September.

The Court declared that Strachey must be given a new hearing if immigration authorities wish to prevent him from entering the United States. The writer was barred when he came here for a lecture tour. It was disclosed later that his visa had been canceled at the request of the Tory British Foreign Office, which was fearful of the effect Strachey's talks would have on American public reaction to Chamberlain's foreign policy.

Mayor Grooms London Mayor In Broadcast

Talk to Each Other While Driving to Business—Worlds Fair Praised

Mayor LaGuardia and Lord Mayor Frank Henry Bowater of London, England, exchanged greetings yesterday morning in a fifteen minute trans-Atlantic two-way radio broadcast.

Mr. LaGuardia spoke from his automobile on his way to City Hall over a special two-way short wave act and the Lord Mayor of London greeted New York and the World's Fair from his carriage as he left for a function at the London Guild Hall.

"My mind reached out to your wonderful city today which I have seen under every condition," Sir Bowater said. "I should be interested to hear your program today and hear the way you go about it."

HEARS LORDSHIP CLEARLY

Then came the voice of Mayor LaGuardia:

"Good morning, your Lordship. I hear you distinctly. I am very much interested in the historic event in London this morning. I am now in my car in New York City going from my home to City Hall. I expect to have the usual day. From here I am going to Battery Park to inspect a site for a new bridge. I am thrilled by this opportunity. London has surely been brought closer to New York City, has it not?"

Sir Frank: "Nothing would give me greater pleasure than visiting New York City again. I can foresee the day when it will be a simple matter for a person in London to fly to New York to attend a function."

BUILDING AIRPORT

LaGuardia: "We are building a fine airport here in New York, over at North Beach. Our airport is right within the city limits. It will be the outstanding airport. I believe, in the country. We expect to have it finished in about two and a half months. I surely will look forward to week-end visits by you and other Londoners to New York City from time to time."

LaGuardia said he looked forward to welcoming the Mayor of London to the World's Fair.

The Lord Mayor replied that "1,000 functions between now and next November" would not permit him to come to America and he regretted he could not accept Mr. LaGuardia's "generous offer."

The two-way broadcast was carried to the people of the United States over the National Broadcasting network.

Half-Million to Join Nationwide Protest Saturday to Save WPA

PARADES WILL RALLY TO AID FDR'S REQUEST

1,800 Workers Alliance Locals Take Lead in Demonstrations

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Over a half million unemployed and WPA workers, trade unionists and other supporters of the campaign to save WPA will turn out in the "Jobs and Recovery" parades and meetings Saturday in cities from coast to coast, it was estimated today at national headquarters of the Workers Alliance.

The principal demand in these parades will be that Congress vote the \$875,000,000 requested for WPA by President Roosevelt as the minimum.

"Not One Cent Less Than \$875,000,000 for WPA," will be the featured slogan, the Alliance announced.

In addition, the parade will display prominently the demand for a \$5,000,000 low-cost housing program to provide a million family dwelling units and jobs for three million; a \$60 monthly pension for all over 60 and grants by Congress to States to aid local relief.

A partial list of cities announced by the Alliance where arrangements for demonstrations or meetings were reported, shows almost every State included.

While the parade and meetings were initiated by the Workers Alliance, in many cities A. F. of L. and C. I. O. unions, pension groups and other organizations have joined to sponsor them.

Most of the major cities will have parades, but many of the smaller cities and rural centers will also witness demonstrations.

Special interest is focused upon New York, where the largest turnout is expected to be brought out by the many unions backing it. At Chicago, Mayor Kelly will speak before the parades. His speech will be broadcast.

In its final instructions to 1,800 locals throughout the country, the Alliance stressed that even, if by Saturday the Senate comes to a vote on the WPA bill, now before it, the demonstrations must continue attention upon the still larger question of influencing the coming fiscal budget and a "genuine recovery program." Also upon final action on the present deficiency when it comes before the joint House-Senate Committee.

Soviet Scientists Announce New Comet Discovery

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan Republic, Jan. 24 (UP).—Soviet observatory officials announced today the discovery of a new comet, between the Swan and Pegasus constellations.

The comet resembles a foggy circle with a faintly traced tail, it was said.

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Buffalo Groups Unite Behind WPA Rally Sat.

CIO, AFL Alliance Maps Drive to Stop Relief Slack

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BUFFALO, Jan. 24.—A meeting to stop the threatened cut of WPA funds and to urge upon the U.S. Senate full restoration of the \$875,000,000 requested by President Roosevelt, will be held this Saturday, Jan. 28, by a joint committee representing the Workers Alliance of Erie County, the Erie County Industrial Union Council (CIO) and the WPA Teachers Union, A. F. of L.

The organizations issuing the call for the meeting estimate that if the proposed cut of \$150,000,000 in WPA funds goes through, 3,900 workers in Buffalo would be dropped.

The speakers' list includes City Councilman Fisher, Father Maxwell, J. J. McManara of the Housing Engineers Union, A. F. of L. A. Cap-pellina, field organizer, CIO, August Hein, chairman of the relief committee of the CIO council, Stanley Chmielek, prominent Buffalo lawyer, and Corbet Hill, chairman of the Erie County Workers Alliance.

In issuing the call for the meeting, the committee emphasizes that there is still time to restore President Roosevelt's request for an \$875,000,000 WPA appropriation, if the people make their voices heard in sufficient numbers to affect the action of the Senate, which will debate the bill this week.

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Utica City Council Backs FDR Relief Stand

(Special to the Daily Worker)

UTICA, N. Y., Jan. 24.—A resolution of the Utica City Council submitted to Senators Robert F. Wagner and James Mead urged the United States Senate to adopt the WPA budget of \$875,000,000 as submitted by President Roosevelt.

The resolution, adopted by a vote of 15 to one upon the proposal of the Workers Alliance and introduced by Alderman Hansmann, follows:

WHEREAS, no American citizen desires that his neighbor shall starve, and

WHEREAS, if the Federal government appropriates a sum inadequate to continue on WPA the men now so em-

ployed, the local communities will be unable to place the discharged WPA workers on relief without a catastrophic increase in taxes on real estate, and

WHEREAS, any Federal appropriation for WPA smaller than that proposed by the President would be inadequate to meet present needs,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Common Council of the city of Utica respectfully urge the Senate to approve the President's figure of \$875,000,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Senator Wagner and to Senator Meade and to the President of the United States.

of the women had their clothes torn, in some cases almost ripped off. Men and women clung tightly to chairs or other objects as the guards pulled at them, but the effort was against great odds. After about an hour the theatre was cleared.

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The majority of the dismissed workers, always on the brink of starvation, are already beginning to feel the pinch, it was pointed out.

Relief officials will be asked to speed consideration of the application, as many have no means for a wait of three weeks as is often required.

The 80 dismissed art workers who began a protest sitdown Monday at the Federal Music Theatre, 254 West 54th St., were evicted by Federal Guards at 2:30 A. M. yesterday.

Refusing to leave, when ordered to do so by Paul Edwards, director of the Federal art project, the protesting workers were dragged out one at a time.

Two were arrested, several were buried, in the course of the skirmishes that developed. The two arrested were Emmett Gowan and Isadore Zalkin, writers. Charged with disorderly conduct, they were released on \$50 bail each.

Several were taken to a hospital for treatment of minor injuries. Inspector Schilling, in charge of a squad of city policemen, informed the sitdowners that police will take no hand in evicting them. He informed them that he and his men are there only to prevent assaults upon the workers or upon the guards. He said, however, that he did not regard evictions as assault.

"If you are put out of here," he said, addressing the group of 80 who were on the first balcony of the theatre, "you won't be put out by the police department. But we'll stay here and see that there is no assault and no property destruction."

The guards, numbering as many as the unemployed, pounced upon the protesting sitdowners, often several upon an individual, carrying them out one at a time. Some

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Pa. Alliance Adopts Plan For Security

Program Calls for \$60 Monthly Pensions for Aged; Convention Calls Upon Davis to Back FDR's WPA Recommendation

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 24.—Three hundred delegates at the Third Annual Convention of the Workers Alliance of Pennsylvania adjourned their sessions yesterday after adopting a program of "Recovery for Pennsylvania—Work and Security for its Citizens."

The sessions were opened Saturday afternoon at the Madrid Auditorium.

Resolutions were adopted pledging cooperation with Governor James "in every sincere effort to reopen the mines, mills and factories and restore opportunity in private industry," but urging him, on the other hand, to give immediate cooperation to "save the WPA in the state by appealing to your colleagues and running mate in the last election, Senator Davis, to vote for \$875,000,000 as a minimum appropriation needed to save the jobs of the WPA workers in Pennsylvania."

David Williams, secretary of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor addressed the Convention and denounced the pending WPA slashes as "detrimental to all the people" and called for "all branches of the organized labor movement to stand shoulder to shoulder to defend the liberal labor legislation now on the statute books."

Greetings to the convention were received by CIO unions, A. L. of L. unions and the International Ladies Garment Workers of York, Pa.

David Lasser, Workers Alliance

national president, spoke on the importance of preserving and extending the Works Program as the heart of the recovery movement.

A legislative program featuring a bill for a minimum old-age pension of \$60 per month for all old people over 60 years and a minimum relief standards bill providing \$10 per week for the head of a family and \$3 for each dependent were adopted by the delegates.

Joseph Kres and M. Dean Weiner were elected as president and secretary, respectively of the Alliance for the coming year. An executive board of 16 members and 5 alternates covering all sections of the state was elected.

12 Unemployed Stage Lie Down in London Streets for Winter Relief

LIVERPOOL, England, Jan. 24 (UP).—Twelve unemployed lay down across busy Lime Street in the center of the city today with placards across their chests reading, "We want extra winter relief."

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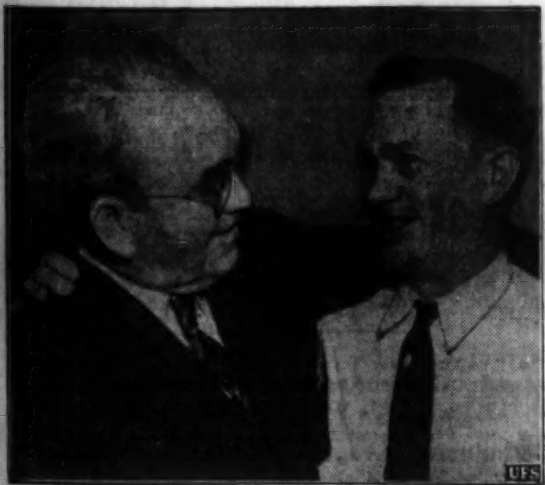
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Steffansson Opposes Cut In WPA Fund

An Embrace of Loyalty



Tom Mooney, left, shown with Warren K. Billings, right, in one of the very first visits the great labor leader made immediately following his release from San Quentin. The great labor leader went to see his "co-sufferer and co-victim" at Folsom Penitentiary, Cal., where he pledged to devote his energies to secure the release of Billings.

ILD Spurs Billings Drive In Reply to Mooney Plea

Calls Upon Entire Organization for Concerted Campaign to Secure Release of Billings; to Demand State Court Begin Hearing

Responding to Tom Mooney's call for aid in a campaign to free Warren K. Billings, the International Labor Defense called upon its entire organization to get behind a concerted drive in his behalf.

"My immediate concern is to win the freedom of my co-defendant and co-sufferer Warren K. Billings, who is equally innocent with me, and at this time I call upon labor and labor's friends everywhere to join with me in the campaign for Billings' freedom," Mooney's appeal states. "Tell the California Supreme Court that Billings should be pardoned. This court must recommend a pardon before Governor Olson can act."

All members, branches and affiliates of the International Labor Defense are urged to send resolutions to the California Supreme Court, Sacramento, California, without delay asking for favorable action on Billings application, which is already before that court.

Mayor Likes Battery Bridge Plan of Moses

Would Cost Less Than Half as Much as B'klyn Tunnel

Mayor LaGuardia looked with great favor yesterday on a plan submitted by Park Commissioner Robert Moses to build a modern bridge from the Battery to Hamilton Ave., Brooklyn.

The bridge would cost \$40,000,000 less than the proposed Battery Tunnel and would, it is estimated, carry the same amount of traffic.

"I received the report last week," the Mayor said. "And the plan is interesting and intriguing."

"Now the emergency features of the approach in Manhattan are a very clever and most ingenious utilization of space. The first difficulty that no angel would dare to tread is the approach over Battery Park. That's been eliminated by the Park Commissioner, so that's all right."

The proposed bridge would cost \$41,200,000, whereas the suggested Battery Tunnel would cost \$83,000,000.

The Mayor said he thought the financial set-up was very "attractive," inasmuch as the project would be self-supporting and self-liquidating. The time element in construction, he pointed out, was also an "added feature."

Earlier in the day Mr. LaGuardia conferred by telephone with Jesse Jones, chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and Senator Wagner on the proposed project.

Tories Launch Attack On Amie Nomination To Commerce Board

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (UP).—Anti-New Deal Democrats and Republicans in the Senate today criticized President Roosevelt's nomination of former Rep. Thomas R. Amie, of Wis., to be a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Sen. Edward R. Burke, D. Neb., demanded an "exhaustive inquiry" of Amie's record. Sen. Warren R. Austin, R., Vt., a member of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, said he would request hearings by that group.

\$2 for State's 'Conscience' Fund

ALBANY, Jan. 24 (UP).—Two crisp one dollar bills were received by Comptroller Morris S. Tremaine from an anonymous contributor today for the State's "Conscience Fund."

Opposition To Dies Gains In Assembly

Garcia-Rivera to Speak Against Continuing Committee

(Special to the Daily Worker)
ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 24.—Opposition to the resolution memorializing Congress to continue the life and personnel of the Dies Committee is gaining headway in the Assembly as a result of letters and telegrams branding the Committee as "un-American."

Although the resolution was rushed through the Senate last week with but two dissenting votes and no debate, it is now certain that there will be spokesmen against the measure when it comes up this week in the Assembly.

An effort is being made by influential leaders of the lower chamber to keep this red herring, introduced in the Assembly by John A. Devaney, bottled up in the rules committee until after Congress has debated the Committee's right to a new appropriation. This maneuver can do little more than gain time for more admittedly effective protests against the resolution, however.

Oscar Garcia-Rivera, sole American Labor Party member of the Assembly, revealed today that he would take the floor against the red-baiting anti-New Deal resolution. It is reported that Robert F. Wagner Jr. will also add his voice to the growing chorus of opposition to the Dies Committee.

An important sentiment among many Assemblymen is for amendment of the resolution by striking out the clause which asks for continuation of the Dies Committee with its present membership. They feel that while an unbiased investigation against un-American activities is salutary, the present committee is not qualified to make such an investigation.

Bills to prohibit the inciting of violence or hatred against any person or group by reason of race, color or religion were introduced in the Legislature today.

South African City Welcomed To World's Fair

Acknowledging the pledge of co-operation he has received from Mayor John J. Page of Johannesburg, South Africa, for the World's Fair, Mayor LaGuardia yesterday wrote the hope that the visit of many South Africans here "will serve to cement the mutual friendship and good will of our two great democratic nations."

The Mayor expressed the hope that the chief executive of the South African city would himself be among the visitors.

Pipe Drive On

A drive to organize the city's 3,000 smoking pipe workers has been initiated by Local 196, International Woodworkers of America, CIO, of 870 Broadway.

8 Jurymen Picked for Hines Trial

Tammany Leader's New Trial Slow Getting Under Way

The task of filling the jury box for the second trial of Tammany leader James J. Hines on lottery racket charges proceeded slowly in General Sessions Court today with only eight jurors selected by the hour of adjournment.

Two jurors—Leonard T. Hobert, who becomes foreman, and Herman E. Nathan—were chosen yesterday.

William C. Conger was chosen despite his protest that he had embarked on a business deal which might react to his financial detriment unless he was free to act.

Chester B. Halsey was accepted despite his admission he was a friend of defense counsel, Lloyd Paul Stryker. One spokesman, Travis Wells, Jr., was excused when he said he would believe "every Tammany district leader guilty" before the start of any trial in which they were defendants.

Two places remained to be filled before Dewey can begin a repetition of evidence he presented in the first trial of Hines, who is charged with conspiracy to protect the \$20,000,000-a-year Dutch Schultz policy racket.

New Haven Trades Group Meets On Unity Keynote

(Special to the Daily Worker)
NEW HAVEN, Jan. 24.—The New Haven Central Trades Council at its last annual meeting presented an account of its activities in 1938.

Scene in past years of bitter struggles between progressive and conservative labor leaders, the Trades Council this year maintained the splendid tradition started last year of complete unity and harmony on the basis of a progressive, pro-New Deal policy. Upon the motion of Delegate Zuckerman of the Painters Union, the preceding meeting of the Council unanimously voted to make the regular meeting for election of officers, a public accounting of the year's work. Scores of leading progressives from CIO, church, legislative, peace and other organizations attended.

FIRST TO APPEAL FOR UNITY
Reporting as president of the council, H. V. Feinmark pointed out that the New Haven Trades Council was the first in the country to appeal for labor unity following the suspension of the CIO by Green.

Ever since, he declared, the Council has bent every effort to bring unity to the house of labor, the achievement of which is not far off, in his opinion. Unity of labor became the keynote of the entire meeting. William Zuckerman, reporting for the Independent Political Action Committee of the Trades Council, hailed the cooperation that had been achieved in the November elections between the Trades Council, the CIO, LNPL, the R. B. Brotherhoods and other forward-looking, pro-New Deal organizations and individuals. Every candidate endorsed by the Council, State Senators Rourke, Malkin and Geelan, Congressman Shanley were elected. He made special note of the united labor campaign behind the candidacy of Joseph Rourke in the 10th Senatorial

District which gave Rourke the largest plurality in history and was successful in giving New Deal Congressman James Shanley the margin of his re-election.

Delegate Sherman of the Teachers' Union followed with the report on the Anti-Nazi League of New Haven formed last year at the call of the Trades Council to combat the proposed Nazi camp in Southbury. More than 75 organizations of the A. F. of L., CIO, churches, veterans, fraternal groups and youth are now affiliated. He urged support for the annual conference of the league, Jan. 22, at the First Methodist Church.

REPORT ON SLUM CLEARANCE
A rousing reception was given to State Senator Joseph Rourke, delegate from the Electrical Workers, as he reported on the activities of the City Wide Council for Slum Clearance and Better Housing, formed also on the initiative of the Trades Council last spring. He described the growth of the housing movement to the point where it is the broadest and most significant mass movement in the city. Its success in forcing the establishment of a housing authority, in securing a \$5,500,000 ear-marking for the USHA, he reported, is now jeopardized by the possibility of municipal opposition to exempting the proposed housing projects from taxation.

Commissioner of Labor Joseph

Signing Meat Cutters' Pact



At the signing of the closed shop contract between the Amalgamated Meat Cutters' Union, Local 633, AFL, and the Hais-American Association, covering 105 shops and 258 workers. Seated, left to right: Otto DeMarzian, president of the Association; Father John F. Boland, chairman, State Labor Relations Board; and Conrad Kays, general manager, Local 633. Standing, left to right: C. Martino, trustee, Association; N. J. Alessi, treasurer, Association; and Joseph Cohan, business representative, Local 633.

Large Murray Body Local, Indiana District Vote for Regular U. A. W. Executive

Denounce Martin's Splitting Tactics; Injunction Restrains Disruptors From Drawing on Union's Funds; Temporary Headquarters of UAW at Hotel Fort Shelby

By B. K. Gebert

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 24.—Lloyd Jones, president of Murray Body, Local 2 of the United Automobile Workers with a membership of 7,000 announced today that a resolution was passed at the union's membership meeting pledging complete support to the International Executive Board of the UAW and CIO and denounced suspended President Homer Martin as a "traitor to the labor movement."

Russell Merrill, Executive Board member of Indiana, announced at the same time that local unions of that state, through their delegates at the meeting held in Indianapolis, also voted to support the International Executive Board and the CIO, and similarly condemned Martin's splitting policies.

Word reached here today from Cleveland that an attempt by a Martin agent, Elmer Davis, to tie up the funds of the Cleveland District Council of the UAW failed, and the courts rejected his request for an injunction and released the council's funds and property.

MARTIN RESTRAINED

Meanwhile at Detroit, Judge Arthur Webster last night signed a temporary order restraining Martin and his four supporters, Ivan Carey, Frank Tucci, Loren Houser and Lester Washburn, from disposing of any of the union funds, records, or property.

The same judge also ruled that temporarily the International Executive Board likewise cannot use the International funds. This is the first victory in the courts of the International Executive Board against Martin's efforts to seize union property and funds.

Attorney Maurice Sugar filed an injunction petition signed by George F. Addes, secretary-treasurer of the UAW. The proposed injunction naming Martin and his agents as those who are attempting to illegally take possession of the union's property, money, etc., and demands that the court restrain him from doing so and turn over all union money, property, records, etc., to the legally constituted International Union.

FORD DEAL HIT

The bill of complaints specifically asks the court that Martin be restrained from conspiring with the Ford Motor Company to form a company union there, pointing out that such a move is a violation of the National Labor Relations Act, as the purpose of the Martin group is "to interfere with the right of the employees of the Ford Motor Company to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing," and "to create a fake union, one in reality supported, controlled and dominated by the defendant, the Ford Motor Co.," that the plaintiff, the International Executive Board be entitled to sole control of money, records and all property of the International Union, that Martin be restrained from taking possession of the Griswold Building headquarters or from moving records or books of the union; that Martin and his agents be restrained from preventing the International Executive Board from occupying the headquarters, likewise from interfering with the UAW printing, publishing and distributing of the weekly organ of the union, The United Auto Worker. That Martin and his agents be restrained

from masquerading as officers of the union, representing themselves as officers; assuming the duties of officers, of using the name of the United Automobile Workers of America, that the banks be restrained from paying out money on the order of Martin or his agents, that Martin and his agents pay damages that may result from their illegal actions.

It is on the basis of this petition to the courts that Judge Arthur Webster has already issued a temporary decision restraining Martin from use of funds.

LOCALS PAY TO ADDES

At the present time, the headquarters of the union, located in the Griswold Building, is in the hands of Martin and is being protected by fifty policemen located in the building, in addition to the armed goons in the building. At present the financial affairs are being transacted at temporary headquarters of the international union located in the Fort Shelby Hotel, where George F. Addes has established his office as secretary of the union.

The West Side local paid a \$13,000 assessment, other unions likewise

CIO Backs Board Of UAW on Martin

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direct and flagrant violation of the constitution."

"Through force and violence, Mr. Martin subsequently illegally took over the headquarters and records of the international organization."

"Mr. Martin has subsequently convened a small group composed of four ex-members of the executive board and himself, establishing a dual organization, and purported to call a dual convention."

UPHOLD EXECUTIVE ACTS

At every step, Hillman and Murray upheld the board in calling a special convention of the U. A. W. and in throwing out Martin and his aides when they had left no other course open.

They told how CIO President John L. Lewis had appointed them last Fall to end the factional disputes in the U. A. W. and how Martin had attempted to block their efforts at every step although until recently he paid lip service to the agreement between the CIO and the U. A. W.

Discussing the work of the coordinating committee which consisted of Hillman, Murray, Thomas and Martin, they said:

"Until a week or two ago, Mr. Martin has publicly praised the work which Messrs. Murray and Hillman have done as members of the Coordinating Committee. At the C. I. O. Convention in Pittsburgh, in November, 1938, Mr. Martin on several occasions publicly gave recognition to the accomplishment of Mr. Hillman and Mr. Murray in establishing peace within the ranks of the U. A. W. A."

"During this period of the operation of the Coordinating Committee, the United Automobile Workers of America has made remarkable progress in its efforts to

POWER AUTHORITY CITES PLAN TO GRAB STATE RESOURCES

Proposals to Press Public Development of Utilities Pushed With Disclosure of Chamber of Commerce Conspiracy

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ALBANY, Jan. 24.—The report of the New York State Power Authority charging the Chamber of Commerce with conspiring with the private power interests to seize the state's remaining sources of hydro-electric energy, proved today to be a barrage under which two proposals for public development of cheap power were

advanced in the Legislature.

The bill, introduced by Irwin Steingut, Democratic leader in the Assembly, would preserve the water power resources at Niagara Falls and on the St. Lawrence River from private exploitation. It would pave the way for a "little TVA" in New York State and lowered electric rates.

An identical bill introduced in the Constitutional Convention last Summer by Lieutenant Governor Charles A. Poletti, was narrowly defeated by Up-State Republicans and Tammany. The present measure is known to have the enthusiastic support of Governor Herbert H. Lehman.

MUNICIPAL PLANT

In the same chamber, Robert J. Crews, Republican of Brooklyn, introduced a bill that would set up a municipal yardstick power plant in New York City. This plan is recognized as the creation of Mayor LaGuardia who has carried on a four-year fight for a public plant to lower electric and gas rates.

The Mayor proposed that the city be authorized by the Legislature to set up a \$50,000,000 plant with a maximum capacity of 140,000 kilowatts. In conformity with the new constitution, the measure provides for a popular referendum on the proposal in the Fall.

If acted on favorably by the Legislature and the people, a New York City power authority would be set up with power to issue bonds and receive federal loans. The city would not be responsible for the interest or principal on the bonds however.

After three years, according to the terms of the bill, the yardstick plant is compelled to revise its rates so as to be self-supporting. The provision, based on the new constitution, deprives the people of maximum benefits from public ownership, experience in other cities shows. A similar clause enacted years ago in connection with New York City's Independent Subway has also proved this an unsound public utility principle.

The bill has been referred to the Ways and Means Committee, headed by Abbot Low Moffat, New York City Republican.

In urging adoption of his measure

to safeguard the Niagara and St. Lawrence power resources, Steingut recalled that in 1907 and in 1928 private companies very nearly succeeded in "stealing" this heritage from the people. The Mellon-dominated Niagara-Hudson Power Company has been the chief figure in this water piracy which has yielded it all of the enormous power resources of the St. Lawrence watershed, except those publicly owned by the Ontario Hydro system. The charge of the State Power Authority that the Mellon and Morgan interests are using their tremendous influence to influence the politics of the United States and Canada to prevent any further public development in this area, was proved to the hilt by events in the State Constitutional Convention when counsel for the Niagara-Hudson Company argued on the floor of the convention as a delegate.

If the Authority is permitted to go through with its plan for a little TVA on the St. Lawrence and Niagara Rivers, homes and farms throughout the greater part of New York State will be able to get 100 kilowatt hours a month for approximately half what they pay now. For the 3,000,000 homes using electricity in this state this would mean a combined annual savings of approximately \$50,000,000, it is conservatively estimated.

The bill has been referred to the Judiciary Committee whose chairman is Harry A. Reoux, Republican of Warren County.

The drive toward public development of products necessary to the life of the community was carried forward by Oscar Garcia-Rivera who presented a bill in behalf of the American Labor Party empowering cities to establish municipally owned plants for the sale and manufacture of milk and milk products.

Bronx Rally Called To Protest WPA Cut

A community mass meeting to protest a cut in WPA appropriations will be held tonight at Hollywood Gardens, 898 Prospect Ave., Bronx, under the auspices of Local 74 of the Workers Alliance.

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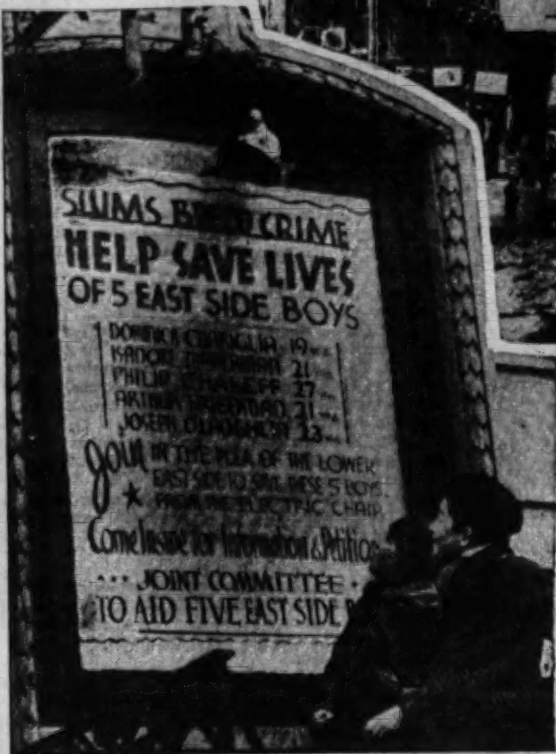
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Milk Driver Dead—Horse Covers Route

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 24 (UP).—Housewives wondered why the milk wagon drove on past without leaving any milk. The reason became apparent when the wagon returned to the dairy. The driver, 55-year-old George C. Brenny, was dead of heart disease. His horse had covered the entire route without a guiding hand on the reins.

The Master Criminal -- Slums, Lack of Recreational Facilities

Must 5
East Side
Boys Die
Because
Of Slums?



The five young victims who today face the electric chair were brought up in the slums and poverty-stricken environment depicted above. They face death unless the Governor listens to the appeals and the thousands of petitions addressed to him for clemency. At the left is shown a full-window placard of the Joint Committee to Aid Five East Side Boys calling for citizens to join the mass movement to save the boys.

Decision Rests With Governor But Correction of Evil Rests on Housing and Other Reforms

Five youths from New York's East Side are now awaiting their doom in the death-cell block up the river. The Governor has heard their clemency plea; only his decision stands between them and a ghastly snuffing out of their young lives.

Out of slums comes crime. Greater than any crime these victims of the slums committed is the crime of the slums themselves.

Let no man dismiss from his thoughts the burning problems of Municipal and Federal Housing with a shrug as business that does not concern him.

The problem of providing decent shelter, sunlight, air for these impoverished millions who are doomed to live in these fire-traps touches every human being of the community. Out of these miserable dwellings, overcrowded, dark and disease-breeding comes crime as surely as fire spurts when a flint is struck.

That man who by his actions blocks the march of a real government housing program, so that real estate interests may reap their profits, is a greater criminal than the poor kids who stand today at the threshold of doom because they were born in squalor and tenements.

Housing Conference to Fight Slums, High Rents

LaGuardia to Headline Meetings Next Friday, Saturday; CIO, AFL Leaders to Speak; Slum Clearance, Low-Rents Is Aim

The vital topic of slum clearance and low-rent housing will hold the spotlight in the eighth annual meeting of the Annual Housing Conference to be held here next Friday and Saturday, with a list of prominent speakers headed by Mayor LaGuardia. The conference will be held at the Hotel Commodore, and will be divided into a Friday morning and Saturday afternoon session.

Report Asks Boost in Pay In Libraries

Mayor Gets Recommendations From Group Studying Set-up

The Citizens Committee on the Status of Librarians of the Public Libraries of New York yesterday submitted its final report to Mayor F. H. LaGuardia and members of the Board of Estimate, a document representing a comprehensive survey of the problems involved in assuring better library service to the City of New York and adequate maintenance of the professional staff.

The findings are based on a nine-year study.

Ellwood M. Rabenold, chairman of the committee, and Spencer Miller, Jr., secretary, appear as co-signers of a communication which, accompanied by a copy of the report, was before the Mayor today for consideration.

FOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

The four major recommendations of the Citizens Committee are:

1. The City take immediate steps to eliminate the present practice of filling positions of one grade, as outlined in the existing Schemes of Service, by staff members of lower grades without concomitant compensation.

2. Immediate automatic salary increments be established for all library workers in the public libraries.

3. Grade I be abolished and converted into a purely clerical group without professional librarians in it.

4. The salaries of all employees of the public libraries of New York City, paid out of public funds, be

so adjusted as to be brought into proper relationship with salaries received by other employees paid by the City having comparable responsibilities and similar educational experience requirements, in consonance with the City's agreement to maintain these libraries in "adequate" fashion.

The Committee proposes a minimum of \$1,500, and a maximum of \$4,000, for graded librarians, and annual increments of \$120, a year for the staff, and \$240, a year for administrative officers.

The Citizens Committee further recommends the adoption of a new Scheme of Library Service. In its country-wide study of personnel problems, there was revealed a prevailing lack of well defined schemes of personnel administration. The scheme, incorporated in the committee's report—already endorsed by the library boards—is an attempt to place New York City in the vanguard of standardized personnel administration. It establishes unified classifications for all the public libraries as well as standard salaries and a formalized system of tenure.

Assemblyman Cites Case of East Side Boys

Measure to Ban Death Penalty Pushed by Farstein

(Special Cable to the Daily Worker)

ALBANY, Jan. 24.—Assemblyman Leonard Farstein of the Fourth District of New York County today based a plea for the outlawing of capital punishment in this state upon the case of the five East Side boys whose lives depend upon executive clemency and upon the vindication of Tom Mooney.

Observing that "we still permit conditions which inevitably breed crime and then inflict a barbaric death on some of the weaklings who fail to make good in spite of these conditions," Farstein appealed for the understanding and decency which befits a civilized state.

The Farstein bill would substitute life imprisonment for all crimes now punishable by death.

"Everyone knows that mistakes are sometimes made," the East Side Assemblyman observed, "and a mistake punished by death can never be undone. It was only through the intervention of President Wilson that Tom Mooney is alive, today," he added.

Negro Tenants Check Boost In Bronx Rent

Twenty Negro tenants of 629 Tinton Ave., Bronx, organized in the Bronx Tenants League, yesterday succeeded in reducing a threatened rent increase through collective bargaining negotiations.

The families were served with a notice to pay an increase averaging \$3 monthly or move out. The tenants' group, an affiliate of the City Wide Tenants Council, negotiated with the landlord, Gruenstein and Meyer, of 175 Lexington Ave., and gained a reduction in the planned rent increase.

The tenants were represented by Reginald Thorpe, president of the Tenants League of the Third Assembly District, Bronx, and Leo Isaacson, attorney. The agreement provides that the landlord make extensive repairs in the building and redecorate each apartment and the tenants pay \$2 more monthly.

Now They Get Jail



Neither yet sixteen—these two girls are charged with holding up a motorist and shooting a bystander. The two are Mona Whitworth (left) and Mary Primavera, now in custody of the Children's Society in Jamaica, Queens.

There Was No Fun In the Slums for Two Girls Turned Gun Moll

Mary Primavera and Mona Whitworth Find Themselves Branded Criminals When They Rebel Against Their Meager Lives

By Louise Mitchell

They gave them hunger, they gave them slums—now they give them jail.

Mary Primavera, fourteen, and Mona Whitworth, fifteen, out to get "more fun out of life," staged their first stick-up in Brooklyn the other night getting away with four dollars and wounding a man. It was a sheer accident that John O'Neill wasn't killed. In a split second it might have been murder.

Fourteen and fifteen year old adolescents unable to solve the problem of no money and no fun started drinking and "toting a rod" as the open sesame to high adventure. They had read about it in the papers. They had seen it in the movies—how you can get away with murder if you just have the brains.

Today they sit behind prison bars, snarling and sullen acting like gun molls but scared stiff inside that they may have to spend the next thirteen years of their lives in a grey, drab reform school. It was this kind of misery that they were trying to escape.

In a dead-end street in Flatbush where there are large empty lots but no playgrounds, live Mr. and Mrs. Whitworth, parents of eleven children. Mona is their youngest. A tired old woman, her eyes red with crying, seemed only too eager to talk about her child Mona who was in trouble.

"NOT A BAD GIRL!" "I didn't know what happened until the detectives came. I couldn't believe that Mona could do such a thing. She's a sweet loving and affectionate child when you know her. She's been guilty of some minor offenses but she never did anything like this before. Nothing like this ever happened to our family and there are enough of us."

"The child didn't like school and that seemed to be the chief cause of all trouble. It's no crime if a child can't get on in school but she couldn't find a place for herself in the scheme of things."

"I used to tell her all the time to stop reading trashy love stories 'cause they wouldn't get her anywhere. And it seems I was right. Her father and myself, we wanted her to make something of herself. We tried to help in the best way we know how. But with eleven children there isn't much time for each one."

JUST LIKED TO ACT

Mona's mother was sitting on a bed in the living room. She wiped the tears as they fell on her face. "We wanted so much for her to be a nurse. She wanted to be one too. But you can't be a nurse without studying and that was where she fell down. If we had just had the money maybe, we could have sent her to a private school."

"Neither of the two girls were really bad. I knew Mary well. She used to come here quite often. They just wanted to act a little tough at times as children at that age sometimes are. In their hearts they were really good kids. But I don't know what came over them Sunday night to make them get a gun and shoot a man."

Mrs. Frances Whitworth started crying again when she spoke of the wounded man and his family. "He may lose an arm on account of this. What will his family do then? We have no money for a lawyer and they won't let me see my child. What in the world ever moved them to this crime. They don't realize the seriousness of it all."

"None of my other children are wild. She just got herself mixed

Eccles Sees Federal Relief Investments a Way Out of Poverty

Chairman of Federal Reserve Board Defends Policy of Gov't; Says Nation Will Impoverish Itself By Failing to Utilize Idle Man-Power

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (UP).—Chairman Marriner S. Eccles of the Federal Reserve Board defended Federal investments for public works and reiterated that the United States could never become impoverished by "borrowing from itself," in a speech last night.

Eccles said that "individuals and corporations may become bankrupt, but no nation having the human and material resources of the United States need impoverish itself by borrowing from itself."

"The only way we can impoverish ourselves is by failing to utilize our idle man-power, resources, productive facilities and money in production of real wealth," he said in a radio address.

He denied that the government works program would lead to inflation, and said that although he realized "pump-priming" is not a "cure-all," he saw "no practical alternative except to sustain purchasing power through public employment until private employment substantially increases."

3 Commissions Will Push Bills To Aid South

Southern Welfare Conference Committee Chairmen Named

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 24.—Appointment of chairmen of three important commissions to work for national legislation beneficial to the South was announced here this afternoon by Dr. Herman Clarence Nixon, secretary of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

The commissions and their chairmen follow:

Commission to Remove Freight Differentials, Mark Etheridge, manager of the Louisville, Ky., Courier-Journal; Commission on Education, Frank Graham, University of North Carolina, president; Farm Tenancy, Dr. Nixon, of Alabama.

The chairmen will proceed at once to form committees to secure legislation in line with policies of Southern Conference.

Special interest attaches to the Education Commission, the objective of which is to secure enactment of Federal aid to education.

The policy of the Farm Tenancy Commission is to seek the extension of the Farm Security Administration's program to provide more funds and broaden the scope of tenancy rehabilitation.

HOLC Debtors Fight to Stop Foreclosures

Suit Brought to Save Woman From Losing Her Home

The plight of small homeowners was brought into the U. S. District Court yesterday, when Marie A. Smith, member of the Council of Home Owners Loan Corporation Mortgagees, appealed for an injunction restraining the HOLC from foreclosing her home.

The Council, representing home owners in Brooklyn, Queens, Bronx and Mt. Vernon, have been fighting for extension and liberalization of the HOLC administration, urging:

Extension of the amortization period from the present 15 to 30 years, reduction of interest from five per cent to three per cent; and abolition of deficiency judgments.

The petition tells of 120,000 foreclosures by the HOLC, which has made more than 1,000,000 loans to home owners.

The Council, located at 277 Broadway, has been picketing HOLC offices every Saturday morning, asking for leniency in payment of loans. A conference of home owners, labor, social, veteran and fraternal groups has been called for Feb. 20, at 8 P. M. in Hotel Pennsylvania to map out a campaign against foreclosures.

Expect Arrests In Phila. Arsenic Poison Slayings

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24 (UP).—Investigators today expected the arrests of at least five more persons in connection with an alleged arsenic murder-for-insurance ring, blamed by police for a half-dozen or more deaths in the Philadelphia area.

Three persons were held in connection with the investigation and two more reportedly were to be arrested as principals and three as accomplices of the ring.

Mayor Not Interested in Fortune Poll

Told He Is Running Neck and Neck With Vandenberg on '40

Mayor LaGuardia yesterday didn't take much stock in a poll conducted by the Fortune Magazine which showed him running neck-and-neck with reactionary Senator Vandenberg as the possible Republican nominee for President in 1940.

Told about results of the poll, the Mayor said:

"I am too old to have my mind diverted from my work and too realistic to take seriously nominations made on polls."

"I must repeat what I said in the past: that a responsible official who looks toward an election can't keep his mind on a fast car with a charming lady and his arm around her."

The Fortune poll showed Thomas E. Dewey leading as the possible 1941 nominee, with a score of 1202 and LaGuardia and Vandenberg holding a tie, with 1105 points.

Join the Saturday Night Brigade! Meet Saturday night, 10:30, Room 205, Workers' School! Take the new Sunday Worker out to the city!

COUNCIL ACTS FOR WORLD'S FAIR JOB BUREAU; HONORS SEAMEN FOR RESCUE

(Continued from Page 1)

Lyons law prevented the city to go outside of the five boroughs to hire experts for municipal service, this measure suggested that unskilled and semi-skilled workmen needed at the World's Fair be hired from among local unemployed and through a special agency.

SEAMEN FETED

The resolution commending the seamen of the Esso Baytown for rescue of the Cavalier passengers was introduced by Councilman Straus and was passed unanimously.

Copies of the resolution was sent to the captain of the rescue ship, the crew and the owners of the steamship.

It was during the debate on the local law to improve working hours for prison guards that the old guard politicians got out their political knives.

The measure, introduced by Broux Democrat Charles E. Keegan and supported by all the councilmen except Gensyve B. Earle and Councilman Straus, who recorded themselves as not voting, brought forth an attempt on the part of the anti-administration forces to smear

the Department of Correction.

Thirty-six uniformed prison guards stood in the back of the chamber listening to the debate on the fate of the bill. The measure will make it a law that no guard shall work more than two weeks during a month at night.

Mrs. Earle protested that the measure was being acted on without the Council consulting Commissioner of Corrections Austin McCormick.

LABORITE DEFENDS MEN

Laborite Louis J. Hollander, replying to Mrs. Earle, turned to the guards in the back of the chamber and said:

"I think it is more important to ask the men. I think sometimes we must tell the Commissioner to be a little more humane to employees. They may be in uniform, but to me they are workers."

Councilman Baldwin protested against uniformed men in the city employ coming to the Council meeting urging passage of the bill.

Councilman Keegan leaped to his feet and charged the Mr. McCormick was "more interested in inmates than guards." He declared his bill was a "humane" measure,

to which all councilmen agreed.

But Council President Newbold Morris asked:

"Why weren't these humane measures introduced years ago when the city had plenty of money?"

QUILL SPEAKS

Whereupon Laborite Michael J. Quill arose and said:

"I am glad we have general agreement on this question. The grievance is a hangover from the past administration. I am sure the prison keepers here today are only interested in getting the rotary system. I remember the time when the prisoners were not so good."

"I say, that Commissioner McCormick, who came up here from Washington, is doing a fine job."

Only two councilmen, Belous and Baldwin, voted against the smear investigation of demolition of the Sixth Ave. "El."

Councilman Charles E. Keegan, sponsor of the probe, charged Borough President Isaacs had conducted "secret bids," granting the project to the Harris Steel Construction Co., which was "not properly insured."

Councilman Straus pointed out that Mr. Isaacs saved the city

\$130,000 through the transaction and that the company was self-insured. He said that Mr. Isaacs welcomed the probe.

Later Mayor LaGuardia said:

"The investigation will show what a splendid, economical and efficient job it was."

The most heated debate of the meeting revolved around the Kinsey resolution.

Straus attempted to explain the Isaacs contract but was ruled out of order on demand of Vice Chairman Cashmore.

But when Kinsey spoke on the same point, Straus protested. Kinsey refused to cease speaking and Morris called Cashmore to the chair to make the ruling. He ruled his colleague Kinsey in order.

Then Councilman Abner Surplus, old guard Brooklyn Republican, declared Morris had no right to ask Cashmore to rule. So Morris took the chair and ruled Kinsey out of order.

At this point Straus started speaking. And on motion of Councilman James Burke, Queens Democrat, both Kinsey and Straus were declared out of order and the matter was brought to a roll call.



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Delay on Embargo Issue

Injures American Democracy

Refusing to meet the issue squarely as demanded by the majority of the American people, both the Senate and House Foreign Affairs Committee are deliberately dodging the question of lifting the embargo on Spain.

Yet the matter is of such urgency that individuals who long have remained silent are now joining the nationwide appeal that democratic Spain get its rights.

For instance, Senator Gerald Nye, who helped for so long to keep the embargo clamped down on Spain, now says the interests of American democracy demand lifting these menacing barriers.

Now Senator Nye has the means of acting. He can raise the issue in the Senate because of the emergency that it is.

Former Secretary of State Stimson and the National Lawyers Guild, from a legal interpretation of the embargo law say that the President has the authority to lift the embargo. Certainly the interests of American liberty point to such a course of action. Yet the reactionaries in the House and Senate by sabotaging and dilatory tactics are seeking to hamper the President by themselves refraining from acting.

Demand that Congress facilitate and not hamper the wish of the American people to lift the embargo against Spanish democracy.

Abridging the Right Of Petition

When President David Lasser of the Workers Alliance speaks, it is with the voice of a large section of the American people. And when the Senate Appropriations Committee deletes Lasser's testimony from the published hearings on the WPA bill, this becomes an affront to the people and an abridgement of their constitutional right of petition.

Not only is the Committee trying to keep out of the record the picture drawn by Lasser of the appalling consequences of a relief cut. The Committee is also attempting, in sly, insidious fashion, to dictate to the people who their representatives should be. The people are being told that if they want a respectful hearing in the chambers of the Capitol, they must not send people who will defend their interests.

The whole incident not only creates a most dangerous precedent but also reveals an important truth: that those who would starve the people, inevitably attempt to destroy their democratic rights so that they will starve in silence.

Next Saturday, with its parades and demonstrations against the WPA cut, has been named by the Alliance as a "National Day for Jobs and Recovery." It is a day for democratic rights as well.

The Real Madman Is Outside

An Italian citizen in Rome, probably half-crazed over the loss of a son in Spain or Ethiopia, was arrested yesterday. He was walking naked in the streets, carrying an umbrella, crying in a wild voice:

"I am Neville Chamberlain."

Poor soul! Compared to the real Chamberlain he is quite harmless. How compare his mild lunacy with the horrible madness of the Chamberlain whose traffic with fascism is costing hundreds of thousands of lives in Spain, and may yet cost humanity millions more? And how compare the poor man's nakedness with the naked degradation of Chamberlain's licking of fascism's boots?

The wrong man was seized for observation.

"We Still Want Unity"

The recent suspension of the CIO unions from the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress again places the responsibility for the split in the labor's ranks squarely at the door of the A. F. of L. Executive Council.

Here was a labor movement that had retained unity in spite of the unfortunate situation in the United States and of the threats of the Executive Council die-hards. When the suspension was finally made, it was with the greatest reluctance on the part of the Trades and Labor Congress officials and only under pressure from William Green who threatened to destroy the Congress altogether.

Both the rank and file and their leaders in Canada feel keenly about this tragedy and are determined to see that no further damage is done. That was made clear in the splendid statement of R. J. Tallon, secretary and acting president of the Congress, when he declared:

"We are not declaring war on the CIO. From the individual point of view each and every one of our members have for the last two years striven to maintain unity in the ranks of the Canadian labor movement. We still want it. We consider it to be a good thing. Fraternal and friendly relations still exist between the two trade union bodies."

When the A. F. of L. Executive Council

meets in Miami at the end of the month, it should have before it resolutions from A. F. of L. unions throughout the United States, urging that unity be restored in Canada as well as in this country. Unions that take such action would do well to inform Presidents Daniel Tobin of the Teamsters, and Edward Flore of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers, thereby encouraging them to take an aggressive stand for unity when the Council meets.

An Act of Splendid Patriotism

A remarkable report comes from San Francisco—

Up to now it has been a mystery why 12 navy bombers manufactured by the Consolidated Aircraft have crashed within the space of a year, with the crews all killed.

Harry Bridges, CIO director of the Pacific Coast, now has wired to President Roosevelt urging an investigation directly charging that this company and another, North American Aviation, are knowingly employing Nazi spies and saboteurs.

"Nazi Bund members and Nazi agents are serving the two-fold purpose as labor spies and union disrupters, while deliberately sabotaging army planes under construction," Bridges informed the President in his message which names names and places.

There is no other word for this timely action of Pacific Coast labor and Mr. Bridges than to say that it is an act of splendid patriotism. In one stroke it provides a dramatic instance of organized labor's ever-watchful defense of the nation's democratic interests and national safety.

Mr. Dies' investigator returned from the coast with the report that "Nazi activities have been exaggerated"; it was later discovered that this "investigator" was himself an ally of the Nazi Bund. The facts brought to light by the CIO workers give a new emphasis to the need for government action against fascist subversive activity. It also goes to show where the true defenders of Americanism really are.

Building the Bridge To Health

President Roosevelt spoke with real eloquence when he declared in his message to Congress on a National Health Program:

"The average level of health or the average cost of sickness has little meaning for those who now must meet personal catastrophes. To know that a stream is four feet deep on the average is of little help to those who drown in the places where it is ten feet deep. The recommendations of the committee offer a program to bridge that stream by reducing the risks of needless suffering and death, and of cost and dependency, that now overwhelm millions of individual families and sap the resources of the nation."

The proposals drawn up by the President's Interdepartmental Committee and submitted by Mr. Roosevelt to Congress, have already received the general endorsement of wide sections of the labor and progressive movement. At the same time, this move to raise the health of the nation and bring medical care to those who need it most but can afford it least, has struck a warm chord in the hearts of the rank and file of the medical profession.

National Health Program is dependent upon state as well as federal action as the cost is to be shared. That means that not only Congress, but also state legislatures and governors should be called upon at once to approve the plan and put this milestone program into life.

The Power Trusts Plot A Big Haul

Emboldened by their Tory successes at the recent State Constitutional Convention, the utility trusts are now trying to wipe out virtually the last remaining barrier between themselves and a grand slam steal of the State's water power resources.

As our special correspondent in Albany pointed out yesterday, private power interests—specifically the J. P. Morgan, the Carle-Machold power clique and the New York State Chamber of Commerce—are proposing to repeal the 1931 Power Authority Act which gives perpetual state ownership of the power resources of the St. Lawrence River. Such is the kernel of a report just made by the State Power Authority to Gov. Lehman and the legislature.

If the profit-drunk utilities can get away with this it means serious danger to the State's plan to develop the St. Lawrence site for cheap power to the people. It is roughly estimated that consumers would save some \$50,000,000 in electricity bills if the St. Lawrence state project can be carried through.

Last summer the progressive Power Amendment of Lieut.-Gov. Poletti was defeated in the Constitutional Convention by the Tory Republicans, and the Tammany Democrats led by John T. Dooling and Al Smith. This amendment would have saved both the St. Lawrence and Niagara power sites for the state and sought to guarantee their development for the people. And the defeat of this amendment was also a vicious attack upon the progressive policy of the Power Authority Act—and now the reactionaries are trying to finish off the Act itself. The vigilance and quick protests of the people—particularly the up-state farmers whom the Tory Republicans are again stabbing in the back—should prevent this latest and most outrageous utility haul.



Charge 2,000,000 Workers Face Layoffs in Senate Bill Cutting WPA

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passing day advocates of the President's proposal for \$875,000,000 keep gaining strength as protests against any relief cut keep pouring in.

Sidney Hillman, President of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, added his voice to the unanimous chorus of demands from the entire labor movement for the full amount asked by the President.

ASSAIL BILL

Warning that "now is not the time to gamble on recovery," he declared:

"We are just now slowly recovering from the effect of the serious cuts in relief and recovery expenditures which contributed so largely to the disastrous business decline in 1937."

"The further progress of the current recovery movement depends very substantially upon the continued provision of adequate funds for WPA. The extent of the rise in private investment does not yet justify the reduction in WPA expenditures. Similarly, the re-employment to date has not absorbed

enough workers to make any reduction in WPA rolls justified either on humane or economic grounds."

Although McKellar and Adams held the floor most of the day in outlining the conflicting views in the Subcommittee, a distinguished line-up of Senators spoke briefly on behalf of the \$875,000,000 grant.

Senators William E. Borah, Idaho Republican, Alben Barkley, Majority leader and George W. Norris, famed Nebraska Liberal, were among those who spoke against the cut.

Both Barkley and Norris assailed the provision in the Senate Bill permitting the President to ask for more funds in case of an emergency as meaningless because he has that power anyway.

ADAMS'S DEFENSIVE

"What good is it anyway?" Norris asked McKellar.

"Not a particle of good," McKellar replied.

"Then what's the good of putting that provision in the law," Norris continued. "It seems to me that they were feeling that the

\$725,000,000 is not enough and that's why they put it in."

In his opening statement on behalf of the cut, Adams was apparently on the defensive, as he charged that there has been "intensive propaganda" and "much misrepresentation" on behalf of a larger figure.

He declared that WPA Administrator Col. F. C. Harrington, had been mistaken to the extent of \$56,000,000 in his testimony before the Committee.

McKellar denied that there had been any mistake, and later Adams admitted that the so-called mistake was an afterthought which did not occur to him when Harrington was testifying.

The 2,000,000 unemployed who will be affected by the cut will be interested to know that Adams stated his primary purpose to be mental uplift.

"I am thinking of the mental attitude of the American people," Adams said. "It's not the \$150,000,000 at all. That is a very small sum. I am thinking of the effect \$150,000,000 in needless expenditures will have on the thinking of the American people."

Letters From Our Readers

'Get Busy with Pen and Pencil'

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

"Messages Favor Spanish Embargo," says the headlines. If this is true, now is the time for all believers in democracy to come to the aid of Republican Spain and get busy with pen or pencil. Bombard the State Department with appeals to life the embargo.

MILDRED W. COE.

'Lifting Embargo Imperative World Peace'

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Here is the text of a telegram sent to President Roosevelt by the Columbia University Young Communist League:

"After discussing international situation, feel lifting embargo on Spain imperative for preservation world peace. Urge immediate action to stop fascist aggression by revising neutrality laws."

COLUMBIA YCL.

Coughlin Not Barometer of Public Opinion

Manhattan, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

We all realize how intimately our interests are connected with the fight in Spain.

We all have friends who have fought in that fight against Fascism and many of these have given their lives to this fight.

Now, at last it seems possible that the United States may take a step in keeping with its ideals and its interests and life the embargo on Spain.

Lets not let Father Coughlin's small pack of hypocrites appear the barometer of Public Opinion. Let's flood Washington with messages to the President and absolutely bury Coughlin's propaganda.

THE EMBARGO ON SPAIN MUST BE LIFTED.

FRANK COLTON.

'This Business Is Firmly Established,' Said Coster, 1938.

Easton, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I recently read the report submitted by F. Donald Coster to the stockholders of McKesson and Robbins last March. Here is the next to last paragraph which I think speaks for itself. Big Business and its stooge Musick was having a field day.

"This business is firmly established, having been founded in 1833; it deals in staple merchandise of ordinary every-day need. Its trend will ebb and flow with the tide of general business which presently is struggling under an oppressive load of Government regulatory measures and taxation. These obstacles your management will endeavor to cope with to the best of its ability, in the interest of stockholders."

G. WATT.

Stresses Importance of Study of National Issues

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The publication of "National Issues" is a big event in the educational advance of the Communist Party. Its clean, factual style makes good reading, and the magazine places a sharp emphasis upon problems which deserve further study upon the part of all Party members.

Educational directors of Units and branches should come to depend upon the magazine for suggestions of program topics; and it is in this connection that I would like to suggest that, if possible, the February issue give some space for bibliographies taken from current material.

The question of health, for instance, is a relatively new problem, and few progressives really understand the many angles of health insurance, voluntary or compulsory plans, etc. We all know that we are for a national health program; but we ought to know what kind of a program is possible now, what we want to work for in the future, what the opposition says and where the fight will be sharpest—on which questions and with which groups. The material on this is partly government publications, the names of which should be made familiar, so that units wanting to study health will know what to ask for; also special magazine articles and publications of interested progressive groups, Public Affairs Pamphlets, Survey Graphic, Social Work Today, etc.

This is just one example; but I would like to see special mention made of important articles, and not excluding newspaper material, for intensive study.

BEVERLY GRAHAM.

Farm Workers, Cast Out of Homes Like Dogs

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

This letter was sent by us to the Governor of Missouri in protest of such an un-American act. Hon. Gov. Lloyd Starkie, Dear Sir:

"Reading the disgraceful news in all the papers about the American farm workers in your state, cast out of their homes like dogs on the highways with their families, we are moved to protest. All this is done in the name of the law in your state only to justify the greedy profit motives of Southern inhuman, un-American landowners, who only know their rights, but no responsibility.

"We must bow our heads in shame that such things can happen in a democratic country."

"We call on you and urge you very strongly to stop this inhuman act which could only be identified with Hitler, the faithful servant of German landlords," but is not fitting and becoming to us Americans. Give these unfortunate American workers moral and material support in the time of distress and want."

MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR SCHAFFT.

World Front

By HARRY GANNES



Barcelona Girds for Gravest Peril—
Madrid, 1936 and Barcelona 1939;
Factors Determining the Outcome

Headed by invading Italian hordes with superior arms, the fascists are menacing the very gates of Barcelona. But they are yet far from conquering the city. In November 1936 Franco's mercenaries reached the doorstep of Madrid only to be held there ever since. To make an unqualified analogy between Madrid and Barcelona today would be deceptive. For during the past two years the number of Italian troops in Spain has grown by at least 80,000; Mussolini has spent \$1,000,000,000 to prepare the leveling of Barcelona.

There is no gainsaying the terrible fact that human flesh, however heroic, if material assistance does not come, if confronted by the greatest death-dealing force concentrated since the last World War, cannot indefinitely withstand an inferno of fire and shells, steel and bullets.

But yet fascism's difficulties will grow as it tries to lay siege to the city. Barcelona, not in the least unmindful of its crucial hour, maintains inspiring calm.

There is a pervading determination in the Catalan capital to hold to the last ditch.

Regardless of rumors which also fly thick and fast from fascist sources in these grave hours for the Loyalists, the Barcelona defenders are determined:

- (1) To hold on as long as humanly possible, with the greatest sacrifices, if necessary, and to turn Barcelona into a mighty fortress.
- (2) If, after the heroically maximum defense, the battle line here is untenable, to make the fascists pay an exhausting cost.
- (3) To re-establish fighting lines in other Catalan strongholds, and to continue the resistance there and on the Central Front.

As to the morale of the Barcelona population, the capitalist press stories are filled with proof of it. Amid the wild crop of rumors the heroism and determination of the Loyalists stand out like a beacon of liberty in a dark fascist night.

"Barcelona is a calm and orderly city which, as far as it can, is going about its business. . . . There is no rush to leave the city."

So commented Herbert L. Matthews, N. Y. Times correspondent in Barcelona, on Monday.

In its news summary of the Spanish situation, the Times on the same day wrote:

"Most Americans preferred to stay in the city (Barcelona), although the cruiser Omaha has been sent to relieve them."

The Loyalist government, meanwhile, is urging the civil population not needed for the defense of the city to evacuate, so that the most effective defense may be put up.

From his Burgos hideout, the New York Times correspondent on the fascist side, William F. Carney, relays to his paper the troubles confronting the fascists on approaching Barcelona.

Though the fascist troops on tanks, trucks and planes supplied by Mussolini and Hitler have moved rapidly on the road to Barcelona, the biggest and most perilous task looms ahead for this gang of cutthroats.

Barcelona cannot be taken by simple assault. Franco is in a furious hurry to provide Mussolini with the "victory" requested by Chamberlain in his recent Rome visit. But whether to attack the city from the point nearest to Barcelona, or to proceed to the vaster effort of encirclement—these are questions disturbing the fascist command. There is yet another alternative. Shall they try to sever all contact with France, and then try to work their way down from all sides to Barcelona?

The latter perspective betrays the fascist fear—even though they are so near Barcelona—that if the siege is sufficiently protracted the international situation can yet be so changed as to turn the tide.

The procrastination of the French Foreign Minister, Georges Bonnet, who refused to put the embargo issue to a vote in the Chamber of Deputies, also emphasizes the fascist uneasiness over the power of world opinion in this grave hour.

Barcelona is besieged, but Barcelona is not helpless or yet defeated. Its valor can match victory from overwhelming odds if its democratic allies throughout the world act instantly.

Loyalist Spain has been the most important world dike against the flood of fascism for the past 30 months. A serious leak has been made in that dike by the fascist assault on Barcelona. The pressure of the fascist military offensive can make the opening vastly more serious for this phase of the world's battle against fascism.

But quick action can save all of the democracies from the perils that will menace them if the flood breaks through here.

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add to the circulation of the "Daily."

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H. B. SMITH.

New York City.

Editor, Sunday Worker:

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Please accept my heartiest congratulations on the results of your latest efforts. It's a great paper.

RONDEL HARPER.

ON THE SCOREBOARD

By LESTER RODNEY

Why There's a Crowd At a 10-1 Fight Tonight

A sellout is expected at the Garden tonight for the Joe Louis-John Henry Lewis heavyweight championship fight, and yet practically everybody admits that it's "no contest" as far as the chances of John Henry beating the champ go.

Everybody is a bit surprised at the size of the ticket sale, but the answer is simple. The crowd will be there to see a great champion, a wonder fighter in action. The size of the crowd is a tribute to Joe Louis, no more, no less.

There's always a certain glamour about a heavyweight championship fight that no other bout can command. But ordinarily that alone wouldn't be enough to fill the Garden for a fight considered as one-sided as this. The crowd will be there to see a great champion, a wonder fighter in action. The size of the crowd is a tribute to Joe Louis, no more, no less.

Yes, Joe always was admitted to be the top hitter. The truth of the matter is now that through hard, intelligent application to the business of improving and perfecting himself in his life's work, he is also the finest boxer the big fellows have boasted since the days of Jack Johnson. He could pretty nearly, if not certainly, beat any of the current contenders just with his starting left jab and an occasional left hook, with his right held just for defensive purposes. That left jab is not just the point producing weapon of Tommy Loughran or tonight's opponent, Lewis. It's a blow which darts out unstopably and almost tears the head off each time it lands. A few rounds of those and the victim is softened for either the devastating left hook or the explosive short right.

And He Can Take It

One of the reasons as fine a fighter as John Henry isn't rated more of a chance with the champ is that it's been proven that the champ can survive the toughest kind of punch. Braddock and Nathan Mann hit him flush on the button, as any fighter is apt to hit any other fighter anytime, and Joe shook it off and kept going. One of the first things he said, in fact, after knocking out Braddock in Chicago to win the title, was "Gee, I'm kinda glad I got knocked down in the first. That'll show up that nonsense that I can't take a punch."

The odds may not seem quite fair to John Henry, a classy boy in the ring albeit too light and already slowing down from too many years fighting. But then what fighter today would raise any kind of chance with Louis? Promising as Nova is, he'd be lucky to last five rounds with Louis right now. When they throw Galento into the ring with the champ you'll see a case of modified murder. I can see it now. Galento comes waddling across the ring, pulls back that long left that has all the Thomases fainting in anticipation, and gets belted under the heart with a right that puts a head on all the beer he's guzzled in the last ten years. And when he lowers his guard to protect his tummy you can reach for your hat. The fat one is the most outrageous case of pure bulldozing since the amiable clown Camera was foisted on the boxing game. Just remember that which all the build-up stories about him try so hard to forget—that he's lost 20 fights, and been knocked out by such a scrapper as light heavyweight Galner, twice a victim of John Henry Lewis, who incidentally was robbed of a chance to explode the Galento buildup when the latter took sick.

But here we are talking about Galento and this is a Louis-Lewis piece.

Joe and John Henry Are Friends

Joe can pretty nearly name the round. He's always levelled off, so the fact that he and John Henry are very friendly and hold each other in the highest of regard will detract little from his efficiency tonight. Joe, who is just now picking up the education he was denied as a lad on a cotton plantation and the Ford assembly line, has always gone out of his way to talk to both John Henry and Henry Armstrong, the other two Negro boxers, both of whom have a wide and varied education and genuine culture.

But tonight, it's a fight, and as we see it, Joe will surprise by outboxing John Henry in the early rounds, jabbing him till about the fourth or fifth, when thudding rights to the body should pave the way for the finish.

The full house, as we said, is a tribute to a great fighter and it won't hurt the very lean bank account of John Henry, who rates a financial break after years, too many years, of customer pleasing as a light heavy.

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